

In many cases also persons who have not authority to discharge the patient, and consequently are not entitled to apply for a transfer, make the application, much delay taking place again from this cause.

I am therefore directed to suggest that, in all cases in which it comes to your knowledge that the friends of patients under your care are about to apply for the consent of the Commissioners to their transfer, you will have the kindness to supply such persons with the medical report for simultaneous transmission to this Office. You might also explain to them at the same time that the persons who can apply for such transfer are:—

1. The person *who signed the order* for the Patient's admission:
2. If such person be incapable (by reason of insanity, or absence from England, or otherwise), or if he be dead, then by the *Husband or Wife* of the patient:
3. If there be no Husband or Wife, then by the patient's *Father*:
4. If there be no Father, then by the Patient's *Mother*:
5. If there be no Father or Mother, then by any *one* of the Patient's *nearest of kin*: Or by the person *who made the last payment* on the Patient's account.

In cases 2, 3, 4, and 5, some proof should be furnished of the death or incapacity of the person who signed the order for admission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

CHARLES PALMER PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

### *Books Received.*

Fisiologia e Patologia dello Spirito. Per Enrico Maudsley. Prima Versione Italiana condotta sulla, 2nd ed. ultima, edizione inglese e annotata. Pel Dottor Domenico Collina, Medico Primario in Orvieto. Napoli, 1870.

*(The first part of an Italian translation of Dr. Maudsley's Physiology and Pathology of Mind.)*

On the Writing of the Insane; with Illustrations. By G. Mackenzie Bacon, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the Cambridgeshire County Asylum. Churchill and Sons.

*(A praiseworthy attempt to break ground in a new and important direction, which we hope to notice in our next number.)*

The Practitioner; a Monthly Journal of Therapeutics. Edited by Francis E. Anstie, M.D., F.R.C.P. Vol. iv., January to June. Macmillan and Co., 1870.

*(When this Journal first appeared we expressed an apprehension lest there should be lack of material to sustain it in vigorous life. The result has proved our apprehensions to have been vain. It has gone on and prospered under the able guidance of its Editor, who may now point with satisfaction to four handsome volumes filled with a variety of important practical contributions to therapeutics. "The Practitioner" is, as it should be, a mine of information for the practitioner, who will hardly know the measure of his healing powers unless he consult its pages.)*

**Matter for Materialists**; a series of Letters in Vindication and Extension of the Principles regarding the Nature of Existence of the Right Rev. Dr. Berkeley, Lord Bishop of Cloyne. By Thomas Doubleday. London: Longman and Co., 1870.

*(We have been obliged by the pressure on our space to defer till our next number a Review of this book.)*

**Biology versus Theology**; or Life on the Basis of Hylozoism considered. By Julian. Lewes: G. P. Bacon, 1870.

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*Appointments.*

EAGER, R., M.D., has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent to St. Luke's Hospital, vice J. T. Dickson, M.D., resigned.

GREENE, R., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Sussex Lunatic Asylum, Hayward's-heath, vice P. Nicol, M.A, M.B., C.M., resigned.

ORANGE, W., M.D. Heidelberg, M.R.C.P.—Medical Superintendent of the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, vice J. Meyer, M.D., F.R.C.P., deceased.

JAMES, J., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum, Denbigh, vice D. E. Morris, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.

MANNING, F. N., M.D., has been appointed Inspector of the Insane in the Colony of New South Wales, and Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Gladsville, near Sydney, New South Wales.

SECCOMBE, E. H., M.B., has been appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Royal India Lunatic Asylum, Ealing.

WHITCOMB, E. B., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

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